

### Weekend Weather

**Today:** Rain and snow – high 50, low 30  
**Saturday:** Rain – high 46, low 36  
**Sunday:** Snow – high 48, low 25

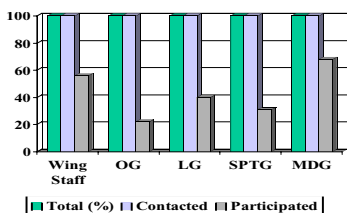


### Sorties



Squadron	Month	Year
8th FW	629	1421
35th FS	335	742
80th FS	294	679

### 2001 Combined Federal Campaign



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## Begert celebrates Thanksgiving with Wolf Pack

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General William Begert, Pacific Air Forces commander, visited Kunsan Nov. 22. During his stay, he visited the O'Malley Dining Facility to serve turkey and enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner with the Wolf Pack.

Afterwards he spoke with me on quality of life, morale, readiness, and his thoughts on PACAF and the Wolf Pack.

**Hill:** What are your thoughts on PACAF so far?

**Begert:** PACAF is just the greatest command I could ever imagine. I wouldn't be any place else other than PACAF right now.

**Hill:** What are your goals/plans for increasing the quality of life throughout PACAF?

**Begert:** There are lots of quality of life improvements going on – lots of plans for more, and it's going to continue. We've had great success in getting resources this year and I think that will continue. I think you'll see great improvements in military construction, and great improvements in some of our basic infrastructure for quality of life. All you have to do is look around the bases and see all the construction programs either ongoing or about to start to realize we're making great strides.

**Hill:** What do you think the airman morale around PACAF is like? Have you seen a dramatic increase or decrease since Sept. 11?

**Begert:** On Sept. 11 it was good and now it's even better. People are focused. They obviously realize we're in a war, that wearing the uniform is a great privilege right now. If anything, morale has gone up from the stand-



Photo by Senior Airman Lanie McNeal

General William Begert, Pacific Air Forces commander, served turkey Nov. 22 at the O'Malley Dining Facility's Thanksgiving meal.

point of people being really determined to get the job done.

**Hill:** What are some problems you have seen, if any, throughout the command you would like to focus on fixing during the next few months?

**Begert:** There aren't huge problems out there that I see.

I see things that we can work on here and there. There are some facilities that need improvement. But by and large, the problems are small ones, but things that need to be done. Nothing overwhelming that we can't handle.

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## 7th Air Force changes command at Osan

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Lieutenant Gen. Lance Smith took command of the Air Component Command - Republic of Korea, and 7th Air Force from Lt. Gen. Charles Heflebower during a ceremony Nov. 19 at Osan Air Base.

General Thomas Schwartz, U.S. Forces in Korea commander, presided over the ACC portion of the ceremony, while Gen. William Begert, Pacific Air Forces commander, presided over the 7th AF change of command.

As 7th AF commander Smith is responsible for all U.S. Air Force mem-

bers in the Republic of Korea during peacetime and would command both U.S. and ROK air forces during a time of war. He will also serve as the U.S. representative to the Joint Committee established by the United States and ROK Status of Forces Agreement.

Begert said Smith has been a student and advocate of the craft of airpower during the many leadership roles he's had and 7th AF should be no different.

"He is a leader of the highest order with the vision and experience to continue the course of excellence he's inherited," said Begert. "Have no doubt - 7th Air Force is in good hands."

Earlier in the day, Smith also took

over as deputy commander in chief of United Nations Command-Korea and deputy commander of USFK in a ceremony at Yongsan Army Garrison in Seoul.

He returns to Korea, where he served as vice commander of the 7th AF from July 1997 to August 1998, with fond memories.

"Linda and I are truly excited to return to Korea," he said. "We look forward to renewing old friendships, old professional relationships and to build lasting new ones."

Smith said the opportunity to serve in such a capacity is something all military members aspire to - the chance to work

with great men and women and to take on meaningful and challenging responsibilities.

"Doing it hand-in-hand with an important and close ally makes this particular assignment even more significant," he said. "Nowhere in the world is there a greater sense of mission or professionalism - particularly important given recent events - and there is no one I would rather stand side-by-side with as a friend during these difficult times than the Republic of Korea."

Smith made a pledge to the citizens of Korea to build on the strong relationships created by Heflebower and to be

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